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Short Notes

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1. Some observations of a young scholar who was sent as a delegate of a satellite country to a Symposium on Methods of Biochemical Diagnostics in Moscow, early 1970 and stayed there until mid-May 1970:

a/ Subject went to a cinema in Moscow and saw the film "Pobeda" (Victory). When Stalin appeared on the screen about 20-30 % of patrons applauded him.

b/ There is a deep concern, anxiety, and dissatisfaction among the intellectuals of all nationalities about the introduction of "new kind of Stalinism". Subject heard open complaints against the present policy of the Kremlin. The opposition against the Kremlin leadership is very strong and on the whole intellectuals are of a very low opinion about it.

c/ An Ossetic couple in their late twenties told the Subject that it was a disaster Ukrainians had not succeeded in obtaining their independence in 1917-1920. It would have helped the others. "Ukrainians needed a better Petlura". By this and similar examples the Subject came across, he was quite impressed with national sentiments and awareness of some historical and political facts among non-Russian intellectuals.

d/ Some "special" (small-size) publications of Suchasnist Subject took with him to the Soviet Union and handed them over to his friends.

2. From a native American of Ukrainian parentage, residing in New York City, [REDACTED] who visited Ukraine in June 1970, and whose niece is married to a journalist on the board of a Kiev oblast newspaper :

a) During their conversation with niece's husband in Kiev, the latter (aged approx. 30) spoke forcefully against the Russification policy in Ukraine and asserted that a great many of his colleagues (also party members [REDACTED]) held the same view. He also read to her an article on Shevchenko which, he said, he would disseminate by the samizdat (samwydaw) channels because it was "too objectionable" to the censors. According to Source the article was very patriotic.

b) The niece's husband told her also that on 22 May 1970, when the anniversary of transfer of Shevchenko's body from Petrograd to Kaniv is observed, this year several meetings of Ukrainian patriots had been held

in private residences in Kiev. At one of those meetings the journalist read his article.

3. Since Jan 1970 Ukrainians in Czechia are trying to organize themselves in a "Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Union" whose function would be the same as KSUT'S (Cultural Union of Working Ukrainians) in Slovakia. The Ukrainian title of the Organization is " Ukrayinska kulturno-osvitna Spilka",^{"UKOS"} the Czech : " Ukrajinski kulturne osvetove svaz v CSR". So far there is still no final decision on the future of this Organization from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and it continues to exist only in the form of "Preparing committees ". In Prague such a Committee is headed by Dr Orest Zilynsky. The latter hoped , incidentally, to come this fall to the States to Lecture at Ukrainian Studies at Harvard but was refused Czech visa.